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TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

REF: (A) STATE 56456; (B) WARSAW 2700; (C) WARSAW 1678;
(D) WARSAW 1523

1. THIS TELEGRAM RESPONDS TO POINTS RAISED IN REFTELS (B)
AND (C). -

2. PRE-JOINT BOARD MEETING, MARCH 28.

EMBASSY MAY ACCEPT PAWLISZEWSKI'S SUGGESTION TO DISCUSS
COUNTERSIGNER'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AT PRE-JOINT
BOARD MEETING. WE ALSO CONCUR IN EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION THAT
SCIATT KSANDER AND ADMIN COUNSELOR THOMPSON REPRESENT US
SIDE. THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS
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(A) THE US REPS PRIMARY PURPOSE AT THE MEETING IS TO
SEEK POLISH PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT, ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS,
ON A BUDGET FOR THE COUNTERSIGNER'S ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPENSES.

(B) AS WE HAVE INDICATED IN REFTEL (A), SIGNATURES BY

POLISH INSTITUTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. US REPS SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK AGREEMENT THAT POLISH SIDE WILL FACILITATE POLISH INSTITUTES' SIGNATURES ON PENDING PROJECT AGREEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE FUNDS FOR COUNTERSIGNER'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

(C) IF A PRELIMINARY UNDERSTANDING ON THESE TWO POINTS CANNOT BE REACHED, WE REQUEST A PRECISE DEFINITION OF POLISH OBJECTIONS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THEM AT JOINT BOARD SESSION.

3. LETTER TO PAWLISZEWSKI.

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEND LETTER FROM ROBERT G. MORRIS, US CO-CHAIRMAN, TO PAWLISZEWSKI, IN HIS CAPACITY AS POLISH CO-CHAIRMAN. IN TEXT GIVEN BELOW, PLEASE FILL IN BLANK SPACES, PREPARE ENCLOSURE TO LETTER WHICH PRESENTS 3 MILLION ZLOTY FIVE-YEAR BUDGET WITH EXPLANATION OF NEED FOR EACH REQUIREMENT AND COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATED COSTS, AND SEND COPY TO OES/APT/SEP.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PAWLISZEWSKI:

I AM VERY PLEASED, BY MEANS OF THIS LETTER, TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE. MY PURPOSE IN WRITING IS TO SUBMIT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AT THIS TIME A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTERSIGNER'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

AS YOU KNOW, PARAGRAPH B(2) OF THE LETTERS EXCHANGED DECEMBER 11, 1976, BETWEEN DEPUTY MINISTER KRZAK AND AMBASSADOR DAVIES SPECIFIES THAT A NEW SUBSIDIARY JOINT FUND ACCOUNT SHALL BE USED TO PAY FOR THREE TYPES OF "SUPPORT ITEMS". SPECIFICALLY, SUB-PARAGRAPH B(2)(C) IDENTIFIES "ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, UNITED STATES-FINANCED AND ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT FUND PROGRAMS, UPON APPROVAL BY THE JOINT BOARD OF A COST ESTIMATE FOR THESE EXPENSES".

I BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTERSIGNER'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE IS NOT A SUBSIDIARY ISSUE TO THE OPERATION OF THE JOINT PROGRAM. THE VOLUME OF BUSINESS, CORRESPONDENCE AND TRAVEL BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ABSOLUTELY DEMANDS ADEQUACY OF FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE BACK-UP IN ORDER THAT THE PROGRAM MAY BE CARRIED OUT EFFECTIVELY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY. THE US COUNTERSIGNER IS DEEPLY INVOLVED

IN THE EXECUTION OF APPROXIMATELY (....) PROJECTS, AND FACILITATES THE TRAVEL OF ABOUT (....) AMERICANS TO POLAND AND (....) POLISH SCIENTISTS TO THE UNITED STATES, PER YEAR. I ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE DECEMBER 11 AGREEMENT, THE VOLUME OF BUSINESS DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL MATERIALLY INCREASE THE COUNTER-SIGNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND THE POLISH SIDE REGARDING THE LEVEL OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT WHICH WE BELIEVE IS NEEDED BY THE US COUNTERSIGNER. I WISH AT THIS TIME TO SUBMIT FORMALLY FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE POLISH SIDE A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SUCH SUPPORT, AMOUNTING TO 3 MILLION ZLOTYS. A DETAILED BREAKDOWN IS GIVEN IN THE ENCLOSURE. I TRUST THAT WE CAN REACH FINAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT ON THIS FIGURE AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE JOINT BOARD.

SINCERELY,

ROBERT G. MORRIS

END TEXT.

4. AGENDA.

THE AGENDA DISCUSSED IN REFTEL (B) APPEARS TO BE ACCEPTABLE. PLEASE OBTAIN FORMAL APPROVAL FROM POLISH SIDE FOR FOLLOWING FORMAT:

(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

(2) TREASURER'S REPORT.

(3) REPORT ON JOINT BOARD ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS FOR 1976.

-- (AS IN THE PAST, WE REQUEST THAT SCIATT AND POLES
-- PREPARE DRAFT REPORT, AND SUBMIT COPY TO OES/APT/SEP
-- FOR REVIEW, SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF BOARD SESSION .
-- WE PROPOSE THAT AN ADDENDUM BE ATTACHED COVERING
-- ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO APRIL 1977).

(4) US-FINANCED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

(5) DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

(6) OTHER BUSINESS. (POSSIBLE DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATE

-- TREASURER AND ALTERNATE US COUNTERSIGNER COULD BE
-- CONSIDERED HERE).
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